

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 11, 2018

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** By the end of last week, 90 percent of the cotton crop had been defoliated compared with 79 percent last year, and 45 percent had been harvested compared with 49 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Cotton conditions were rated mostly good to fair. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week with harvest taking place on two-thirds of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Pasture and range conditions were generally rated mostly fair to very poor. Central Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, cilantro, honeydew melons, iceberg lettuce, kale greens, and parsley last week, while Western Arizona growers shipped arugula, Boston lettuce, cantaloupes, endive, escarole, green and red leaf lettuce, honeydew melons, iceberg lettuce, kale greens, radicchio, Romaine lettuce, spinach, and Swiss chard. Freezing temperatures this week most likely signify the end of the growing season in the North Eastern and East Central part of the State. Twenty-three reporting stations reported below normal temperatures for the week, with the highest temperature during the week at 89 degrees at Roll and the lowest temperature was 11 degrees at Grand Canyon. For the week ending November 11<sup>th</sup>, no precipitation was reported in the State. Nineteen of the 48 reporting stations have reported over 100 percent of normal precipitation for the year while 5 stations have reported less than 50 percent of normal precipitation for the year.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity        | Current week<br>(percent) | Previous week<br>(percent) | Previous year<br>(percent) | 5-year average<br>(percent) |
|------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cotton           |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Defoliated ..... | 90                        | 85                         | 79                         | 69                          |
| Harvested .....  | 45                        | 40                         | 49                         | 53                          |

NA – not available  
 (--) – zero

**DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION**

|                                  | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Days suitable for fieldwork..... | 7.0          | 7.0           | 7.0           | NA             |
| Topsoil moisture                 | (percent)    | (percent)     | (percent)     | (percent)      |
| Very short.....                  | --           | --            | 4             | NA             |
| Short.....                       | 10           | 6             | 25            | NA             |
| Adequate.....                    | 90           | 94            | 71            | NA             |
| Surplus.....                     | --           | --            | --            | NA             |
| Subsoil moisture                 |              |               |               |                |
| Very short.....                  | --           | --            | 4             | NA             |
| Short.....                       | 10           | 6             | 27            | NA             |
| Adequate.....                    | 89           | 93            | 69            | NA             |
| Surplus.....                     | 1            | 1             | --            | NA             |

NA – not available

(--)- zero

**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

| Commodity         | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
|                   | (percent)    | (percent)     | (percent)     | (percent)      |
| Alfalfa hay       |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor.....    | --           | --            | --            | 4              |
| Poor.....         | 1            | 1             | 5             | 4              |
| Fair.....         | 22           | 19            | 25            | 22             |
| Good.....         | 46           | 47            | 39            | 43             |
| Excellent.....    | 31           | 33            | 31            | 27             |
| Cotton            |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor.....    | 1            | 2             | 4             | 3              |
| Poor.....         | 14           | 12            | 4             | 3              |
| Fair.....         | 34           | 31            | 11            | 19             |
| Good.....         | 41           | 45            | 65            | 50             |
| Excellent.....    | 10           | 10            | 16            | 25             |
| Pasture and range |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor.....    | 29           | 22            | 3             | 15             |
| Poor.....         | 27           | 23            | 15            | 12             |
| Fair.....         | 34           | 38            | 43            | 34             |
| Good.....         | 7            | 16            | 36            | 35             |
| Excellent.....    | 3            | 1             | 3             | 4              |

NA – not available

(--)- zero

Arizona's weather data can be accessed at the following:

[http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop\\_Progress\\_&\\_Condition/2018/AZ-Weather-11112018.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/AZ-Weather-11112018.pdf)

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